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Madam:

Submitted herewith for possible consideration by the Examiner in connection with the above identified patent application is an Information Disclosure Statement. This disclosure statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, as a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 35 CFR 1.56, and does not constitute a representation that the information submitted constitutes prior art.

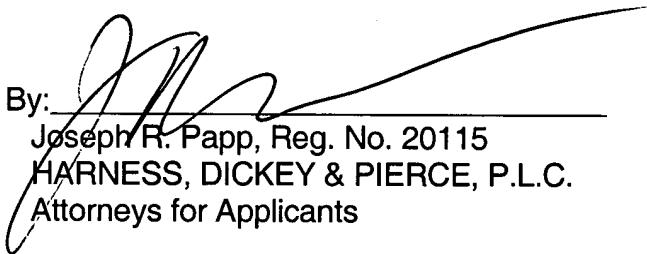
It is submitted that a review of all of the noted information shows that applicants' invention as defined by the claims is patentably distinguishable. It should be noted that counsel for applicants believes that this patent appears to be of minor relevance and is being cited mainly in an abundance of caution. However, the Examiner's careful, independent review of the cited reference is invited as well as any inquiries or comments regarding the same.

Because the present application was being filed after June 30, 2003, no copy of the U.S. patent which is listed on the attached Form 1449 is enclosed pursuant to the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i).

It should be noted that the listed patent was just seen in the O.G. of June 8, 2004, and is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). No fee is believed due. However, in the event a late fee is deemed necessary then payment of same can be made pursuant to the authorization enclosed.

As a matter of interest, I have noted that the Second IDS, filed 1/08/2004, the Third IDS, filed 2-16-04, and the Sixth IDS, filed 5-26-04, are not noted in the Office Actions. Each, however, has been acknowledged as received and are listed in the File History. The Examiner's attention to this matter would be appreciated.

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